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History of the War.

Although we might go many years back to find the first seeds of the rebellion, yet this record properly commences with the assembling of the South Carolina Convention at Columbia, on the 17th of December, 1860. The Southern leaders foreseeing the defeat of their measures by the election of Abraham Lincoln, issued manifestoes and made violent speeches, calculated to arouse the passions of the people. After the 6th of November, the Southerners prosecuted war measures energetically. Cabinet officers scattered the army and navy, and robbed the Federal Treasury. Many of the more moderate fought against secession for a long time, but were finally overwhelmed by the tide and carried with it. All efforts on the part of committees appointed by both Houses of Congress to harmonize the antagonistic elements were unsuccessful. On the 8th of November, the Palmetto flag was hoisted in Charleston, and South Carolina voted $100,000 to purchase arms. On the 10th a committee was called, and the United States officers in Charleston resigned. Georgia also voted $1,000,000 to arm the State. Major Anderson was placed in command at Fort Moultrie. President Buchanan took the position that the General Government had no authority to coerce a State if she withdrew from the Union. Louisiana at once appropriated $500,000 for military purposes. Howell Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury, resigned. President Buchanan opposed the reinforcement of the forts of Charleston harbor, and then Gen. Cass, Secretary of State, resigned in disgust. On the 20th South Carolina seceded by a unanimous vote in her convention, and the news was joyfully received throughout the South. One

forest. Many relics of various kinds and descriptions, from all parts of the world and representing all castes of society, particularly conspicuous amongst which is the outfit of the lamented Dr. Kane, who sacrificed his life in his endeavors to give to the world tidings of that unexplored region where so

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hundred guns were fired at New Orleans, and the Pelican flag unfurled. "The people," said the *Charleston Mercury*, "will obey the call for war, and take the forts." On the 24th Gov. Pickens, of South Carolina, declared that State "a free and independent State." On the 26th, Major Anderson evacuated Fort Moultrie and occupied Fort Sumter. The guns at Moultrie were spiked and the carriages destroyed. A secession meeting was held in

many enterprising explorers have met a like fate. Also among the curiosities are some of the largest meteoric formations that have ever visited us from the boundless realms of space, one of which weighs some twelve hundred pounds. Where and how these ponderous nuggets of iron were formed,

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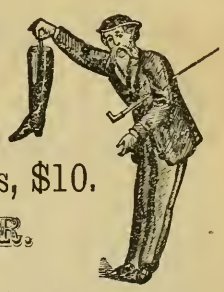

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barrels of powder; Fort Moultrie occupied by Alabama troops: Fast day throughout the United States. 5th—Steamer *Star of the West* cleared at New York, supposed for Charleston. 6th—Great Union meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Fort Washington, on the Potomac, reinforced. Forty tons of powder, shot, and shell, sent South by Southern Express Agents. 7th—Senators Toombs and Wigfall arrested for treason; Alabama Convention

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organized. 8th—Forts Casswell and Johnson occupied by North Carolinians; Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, resigned; Sub-Treasurer at Charleston not allowed to pay out any more money. 9th—Mississippi seceded; *Star of the West* fired upon by the Morris Island battery when she attempted to enter Charleston harbor, and the act was sanctioned by Gov. Pickens. 11th—Florida and Alabama seceded. 19th—Georgia se-

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ceded. 24th—U. S. arsenal at Augusta, Georgia, surrendered to the State. 26th—Louisiana seceded. 27th—Ex-Secretary Floyd indicted for conspiracy against the Government, and abstraction of bonds. 31st—$511,000 in Government funds were captured at New Orleans.

1861. February 1st—The secession of Texas submitted to the people. 5th—Peace convention organized at Washington. 8th—Jefferson Davis

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of Washington or the committee has pocketed the funds is not for us to say. But sure it is that the Monument, which was to be some six hundred feet high and surrounded by beautiful columns, altogether presenting a token of respect to the "Father of our Country," is an unsightly pile of stone, some

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tain; Confederates defeated, losing all they had, with sixty killed and a large number wounded; Rosecrans lost twenty killed and forty wounded. 17th—Fight at Scarcytown; the Unionists defeated. 20th—Confederate Congress met at Richmond. 21st—Battle of Bull Run; the Union forces engaged were about 20,000; the rebels 40,000, with a reserve of 25,000 at Manassas Junction; Unionists defeated with a loss of 2,708; rebel loss, 1,902. 22d—Gen.

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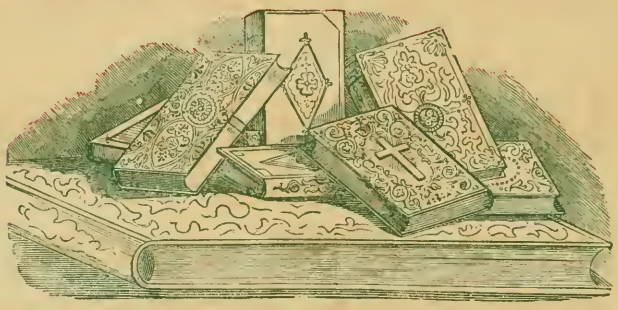

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